



**Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 18, 2016  
10:00 AM  
AZDEQ Building  
1100 West Washington Street, #3175  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

A general meeting of the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women convened on February 18, 2016 at the AZDEQ Building, located at 1100 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Commission.

**Members Present**

Diane Umphress (Co-Chair)	Patricia George
Kirstin Flores	Laura Guild
Toni Means	Sgt. Daniel Rincon
Chief Keven Treadway	Dr. Neil Websdale
Kathleen McLaughlin	Elizabeth Ortiz
Chief Jerald Monahan	Lt. Governor Monica Antone
Kay Radwanski	Jon Smith & Ed Mercurio- Sakwa (via phone)

**Members Absent**

Nicole Bidwill (Co-Chair)	Allison Bones
Patricia Klahr	Sara Presler
Judge Rachel Torres Carrillo	

**Staff Present**

Myriah Mhoon	Debbie Moak
John Raeder	Steve Selover

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Diane Umphress called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Umphress welcomed everyone and asked the members to introduce themselves.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for the meeting held November 19, 2015 were reviewed. Chief Jerald Monahan motioned to approve the November 19, 2015 minutes as drafted by staff. The motion was seconded by Sgt. Daniel Rincon. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **D. FLAGSTAFF PD & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CCRT**

Ms. Myra Ferrell-Womochil, Executive Director of Victim Witness presented on the benefits of the Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) operating in Flagstaff. An overview and background of the Flagstaff CCRT was provided. Chief Kevin Tredway, Flagstaff Chief of Police presented on the collaboration between the Flagstaff Police Department and the CCRT and their joint accomplishments. Chief Tredway also presented on Flagstaff Police Department's lethality assessment as an innovative strategy to prevent domestic violence, homicides and serious injuries. Chief Tredway suggested that the lethality assessment has improved partnerships and collaboration among law enforcement officers and other community practitioners and advocates.

#### **E. TAKE BACK THE NIGHT EVENT**

Ms. Elizabeth Leary from EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center presented an overview of the Take Back the Night event being held at the ASU Tempe Campus, Hayden Lawn on April 14, 2016. Ms. Leary gave information on event activities and how to get involved in promoting and participating in the event during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ms. Leary stated that over the years Take Back the Night, which is a worldwide campaign, has encouraged victims to come forward and seek help. No data has been collected as of yet to demonstrate the number of individuals present at events.—Ms. Leary suggested that the Take Back the Night event provide a healing space within the community for victims/survivors of sexual assault.

#### **F. AWARENESS OF ABUSE THROUGH ARIZONA PAGEANTS**

Ms. Summer Stout and Ms. Alizae Diaz presented on community service platforms through the Miss America Organization. Both Ms. Summer Stout and Ms. Alizae Diaz are Arizona pageant contestant winners. Both presenters expressed interest in working with the Commission to provide dating violence and child abuse awareness education to youth. Commissioners recognized the value of the pageant network connecting to youth and offered their assistance to provide education and other resources that could help pageant participants reach out and assist youth in need.

#### **G. GRAND OPENING OF AMBERLY'S PLACE**

Ms. Diane Umphress, Executive Director of Amberly's Place presented an overview of the grand opening of the new family advocacy center in January 2016. Amberly's Place is a family advocacy center for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and elder abuse and their families. Local and state officials were in attendance, and Attorney General Mark Brnovich was the keynote speaker. Tours of the facility were available after the ribbon cutting; the event was open to the public.

#### **H. ARIZONA SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT TASK FORCE**

Ms. Myriah Mhoon reported that Governor Doug Ducey announced in January the members of the new Arizona Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force, a bipartisan coalition of victims' advocates, law enforcement officials and policy makers tasked with addressing the injustice of untested rape kits throughout Arizona. Governor Ducey charged the task force with multiple responsibilities, which include: providing legislative recommendations to

ensure every kit is tested in a timely manner; developing a statewide standard process for testing protocols of the kits; developing a statewide tracking system for the kits; and development of a public education plan to assist sexual assault victims. Commissioners recommended working with the city of Detroit to analyze efforts to reduce their backlog and are looking forward to another report after the first task force meeting.

## **I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Outreach and Awareness Committee**

Lt. Governor Monica Antone presented an update for the Committee:

- Committee is promoting TBTN event, using social media to attract more youth participation.
- Interest in utilizing volunteers through AmeriCorps to support outreach and awareness projects.
- Developing plans for the state capitol domestic violence awareness event.

### **Prevention and Training Committee**

Chief Jerald Monahan highlighted the following Committee activities:

- Update on statewide implementation of survey tool to assess information gaps, training opportunities and resources for the state.
- Will utilize website to post various training opportunities originating from CPVAW and outside agencies.
- Plan to meet with AZPOST director to discuss qualifying DV training for law enforcement continuing education credit.

### **Victim Services Committee**

Chief Keven Treadway highlighted the following Committee activities:

- Ms. Allison Bones was asked and accepted the position of co-chair for the Committee. Ms. Laura Guild was asked and accepted the position of secretary for the Committee.
- The Committee has agreed to continue to reach out the Department of Child Services to find a scheduled time to collaborate in the development of a domestic violence protocol for DCS workers to follow in cases where both domestic violence and child abuse are present.

## **J. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Umphress gave the call to the public with no responses.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.